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ARMENIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith enclosed the statement of
Mr. Karen Baburian, Chairman of the Parliament of Nagorny Karabakh regarding
recent developments in the region.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this statement as a document of
the Security Council.

(Signed) Alexander ARZOUMANIAN
Permanent Representative

Annex

[Original: Russian]

Statement of the Chairman of the Parliament of the
Nagorny Karabakh Republic

The leaders of the Nagorny Karabakh Republic note with regret the widening escalation of military action in the region provoked by the attack by Azerbaijani armed formations against the southern positions of the Nagorny Karabakh Defence Force.

The leaders of the Nagorny Karabakh Republic, who share the concern of the international community and neighbouring States, declare, with full responsibility, that the military actions by the Karabakh forces are of a purely reciprocal nature and are aimed at neutralizing the large force of its opponent, which has violated the cease-fire.

No other goals are being pursued, in particular none related to the seizure and holding of territory.

In view of the danger of the spread of hostilities, the command of the Nagorny Karabakh Defence Force has been instructed to ensure a unilateral cease-fire.

In the event that the Azerbaijani side takes proper measures, the leadership of the Nagorny Karabakh Republic expresses its readiness to hold talks with the Azerbaijani authorities immediately with a view to reaching agreement on the mechanisms for averting a recurrence of hostilities and on the withdrawal of the troops.

(Signed) K. BABURIAN
Chairman of the Parliament
of the Nagorny Karabakh Republic
